AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

FOR

The Calling of an ASSEMBLY

OF

Learned and Godly DIVINES, to be consulted with by the PARLIAMEMT

For the setling

Of the Government and Liturgy of the CHURCH of *ENGLAND.*

And for Vindicating and Clearing the Doctrine of the said Church from false Aspersions and Interpretations, as shall be most agreeable to the WORD of GOD.

With the Names of all the Ministers appointed for the same.

Die Lunæ, 12. *Jun.* 1643.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and Published.

Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for the Calling of an Assembly of Learned and Godly Divines and others, to be consulted with by the Parliament, for the setling the Government and Liturgy of the Church of *England*, and for vindicating and clearing of the Doctrine of the said Church from false Aspersions and Interpretations,

Whereas amongst the infinite blessings of Almighty God upon this Nation, none is, or can be more dear unto us, then the purity of our Religion, and that for as yet many things remain in the Liturgy, Discipline, and Government of the Church, which do necessarily require a further and more perfect Reformation, then as yet hath been attained: And whereas it hath been declared and resolved by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That the present Church-Government by Archbishops, their Chancellors, Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, and other Ecclesiastical Officers depending upon the Hierarchy, is evil and justly offensive and burthensome to the Kingdom, a great impediment to reformation and growth of Religion, and very prejudicial to the State and Government of this Kingdom, and that therefore they are resolved that the same shall be taken away, and that such a Government shall be setled in the Church, as may be most agreeable to Gods holy Word, and most apt to procure and preserve the Peace of the Church at home, and nearer agreement with the Church of Scotland, and other reformed Churches abroad, and for the better effecting hereof, and for the vindicating, and clearing of the Doctrine of the Church of England, from all false calumnies and aspersions, It is thought fit and necessary to call an Assembly of learned, godly, and judicious Divines, who together with some members of both the Houses of Parliament are to consult and advise of such matters and things, touching the premises, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the Houses of Parliament, and to give their advice and counsel therein, to both or either of the said Houses, when and as often as they shall be thereunto required. Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons

in this present Parliament assembled, That all and every the persons hereafter in this present Ordinance named, that is to say.

Algernon, Earl of *Northumberland*.
William, Earl of Bedford.
Philip, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery.
William, Earl of Salisbury.
Henry, Earl of Holland.
Edward, Earl of *Manchester*
William, Lord Viscount Say and Seal.
Edward, Lord Viscount Conway.
Philip Lord *Wharton*
Edward Lord *Howard*
John Selden Esquire.
Francis Rous Esquire.
Edmund Prideaux Esquire.
S. *Hen. Vane* Knight senior
John Glyn Esquire, Recorder of London.
John White Esquire.
Bulstrode Whitlocke Esquire
Humphrey Salloway Esq;
Mr. Serjeant *Wild.*
Oliver Saint John Esq; His Majesties Sollicitor.
Sir *Benj. Rudyard* Knight
John Pym Esquire.
Sir *John Clotworthy* Knight
John Maynard Esquire.
S. *Hen. Vane* Knight junior
William Pierpoint Esquire.
William Wheeler Esquire
Sir *Tho. Barrington* Knight
Walter Yong Esquire.
Sir *John Evelin* Knight.

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Oliver Bowles of Sutton, Batchellor in Divinity
Herbert Palmer of Ashwel, Batchellor in divinity
Henry Wilkinson of Waddesdon, Batchelour in Divinity.
Thomas Valentine of Chalfont Giles, Batchelor in Divinity
Dr. *William Twisse* of Newbury.
William Reynor of Egham
Mr. *Hannibal Gammon* of Maugan
Mr. *Jasper Hicks* of Lawrick
Dr. *Joshua Hoyle* late of Dublin in Ireland
William Bridges of Yarmouth
Thomas Whincop of Ellesworth, Doctor in Divinity
Thomas Goodwin of London, Batchellour in Divinity
John Ley of Budworth in Cheshire
Thomas Case of London
John Pyne of Bereferrers
Mr. *Whidden* of Mooreton
Dr. *Richard Love* of Ekington
Dr. *William Gouge* of Blackfriers London
Dr. *Ralph Brownerigg* Bp of Exeter
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Dr. *Samuel Ward* Maſter of Sidney Colledge
John white of Dorcheſter
Edward Peale of Compton
Stephen Marſhal of Finchingfield, Batchelour in Divinity
Obadiah Sedgewicke of Cogſhall, Batchelour in Divinity
Mr. *Carter*
Peter Clerk of Carnaby
William Mew of Eſſington, Batchelour in Divinity
Richard Capell of Pitchcombe
Theophilus Bathurſt of Overton Watervile
Phil. Nye of Kimbolton
Dr. *Brocket Smith* of Barkway
Dr. *Cornelius Burges* of Warford
John Greene of Pencombe
Stanley Gower of Brampton Bryan
Francis Taylor of Yalding
Thomas Wilſon of Otham
Antho. Tuckney of Boſton, Bachelour in Divinity
Thomas Coleman of Bliton
Charles Herle of Winwicke
Richard Herricke of Manchester
Richard Cleyton of Showell
George Gibbs of Ayleſton
Dr. *Calibute Downing* of Hackney
Jeremy Boroughs of Stepney
Daniel Cawdrey
George Walker Batchelour in Divinity
Edmund Calamy Batchelour in Divinity
Joſeph Caryll of Lincolns Inne
Lazarus Seaman of London
Dr. *John Harris* Warden of Wincheſter Colledg
George Morley of Mildenhall
Edward Reynolds of Bramſton
Thomas Hill of Tichmarch Batchelour in Divinity
Dr. *Robert Saunderſon* of Boothby Pannell
John Foxcroft of Gouham
John Jackſon of Marske
William Carter of London
Thomas Thorowgood of Maſſingham
John Arrowſmith of Lynne
Robert Harris of Hanwell, Batchelour in Divinity
Robert Creſſe of Lincoln Colledge, Bachelour in Divinity
James Arch-Biſhop of Armagh
Dr. *Matthias Styles* of Saint George Eſcheape London
Samuel Gibſon of Burley
Jeremiah Whitaker of Stretton
Dr. *Edmund Staunton* of Kingſton
Dr. *Daniel Featley* of Lambeth

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Francis Coke of Yoxhall
John Lightfoote of Ashley
Edward Corbet of Merton Colledge Oxon
Samuel Hildersham of Felton
John Langley of Westuderley
Christopher Tisdale of Uphusborne
Thomas Young of Stowmarket
John Philips of Wrentham
Humphrey Chambers of Claverton, Batchelour in Divinity
John Conant of Lymington Batchelour in Divinity
Henry Hall of Norwich, Batchelour in Divinity
Henry Hutton
Henry Scudder of Colingborn
Thomas Baylie of Manningford Bruce
Benjamin Pickering of Easthoately
Henry Nye of Chapham
Arther Sallaway of Seavernestoake
Sidrach Sympson of London
Anthony Burgesse of Sutton Coldfield
Richard Vines of Calcot
William Greenhill of Stegney
William Moreton of Newcastle
Richard Buckley
Dr. *Thomas Temple* of Battersey
Simeon Ashe of Saint Brides
Mr. *Nicholson*
Thomas Gataker of Rotherhithe, Batchelour in Divinity
James Welde of Sylatten
Dr. *Christopher Pashley* of Hawarden
Henry Tozer Batchelour in Divinity
William Spurstow of Hampden in Com. *Bucks*
Francis Cheynell of Oxon
Edward Ellis of Gilsfield, Batchelour in Divinity
Dr. *John Hacket* of St. Andrews Holborne
Samuel de la Place
John de la March
Matthew Newcomen of Dedham
William Lyford of Sherborne in Com Dorset
Mr. *Carter* of Dynton in Com. Bucks
William Lance of Harrow in Middlesex
Thomas Hodges of Kensington in Com. Middlesex
Andreas Perne of Welby in Com. Northampton
Dr. *Thomas Westfield* of Saint Bartholomew le great London, Bishop of Bristoll
Dr. *Henry Hamman* of Penshurst in Kent
Nicholas Proffet of Marlborough in Com. Wilts
Peter Sterry of London.

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John Erle of Bishopston in Com. Wilts	Mr. *Pride* of Pauls Church in Covent Garden
Mr. *Gibbon* of Waltham	*Henry Wilkinson junior*, Batchelour in Divinity
Henry Painter of Exeter, Batchelour in Divinity	Dr. *Richard Oldsworth* Master of Emanuel Colledge in Cambridge
Mr. *Micklethwaite* of Cherryburton	M. *William Dunning* of Coloaston.
Dr. *John Whincop* of St. Martins in the fields	

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And such other person and persons as shall be nominated & appointed by both Houses of Parliament, or so many of them as shall not be letted by sickness or other necessary impediment, shall meet and assemble, and are hereby required and enjoyned upon summons signed by the Clerks of both Houses of Parliament, left at their several respective dwellings, to meet and assemble themselves at Westminster in the Chappel called King Henry the sevenths Chappel on the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred forty three: And after the first meeting, being at least of the number of forty, shall from time to time sit and be removed from place to place, and also that the said Assembly shall be dissolved in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be directed: And the said persons, or so many of them as shall be so Assembled, or sit, shall have power and Authority, and are hereby likewise enjoyned, from time to time during this present Parliament, or until further Order be taken by both the said Houses, to confer and treat among themselves of such matters and things, touching and concerning the Liturgy, discipline and Government of the Church of England, or the vindicating and clearing of the doctrine of the same from all false aspertions and misconstructions, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, and no other, and deliver their Opinions and Advises of, or touching the matters aforesaid, as shall be most agreeable to the Word of God, to both or either of the Houses, from time to time, in such manner and sort, as by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament shall be required, and the same not to divulge by printing, writing, or otherwise, without the consent of both or either House or Parliament. And it be further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that William Twisse Doctor in Divinity shall sit in the Chair as Prolocutor of the said Assembly, and if he happen to dye, or be letted by sickness or other necessary impediment, then such other person to be appointed in his place as shall be agreed on by both the said Houses of Parliament: And in case any difference in Opinion shall happen amongst the said persons so assembled, touching any the matters that shall be proposed to them as aforesaid, that then they shall represent the same together with the reasons thereof to both or either the said Houses respective-

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respectively, to the end such further direction may be given therein as shall be requisite to that behalf. And be it be further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That for the Charges and Expences of the said Divines, and every of them in attending the said service, there shall be allowed every of them that shall so attend, during the time of their said attendance, and for ten dayes before and ten dayes after the summe of four Shillings for every day, at the charges of the Common-wealth, at such time and in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be appointed. And be it further Ordained, That all and every the said Divines, so as aforesaid required and enjoyned to meet and assemble, shall be freed and acquitted of and from every offence, forfeiture, penalty, losse or damage which shall or may arise or grow by reason of any non-residence or absence of them or any of them, from his or their, or any of their Church, Churches or Cures, for, or in respect of their said attendance upon the said Service, any Law or Statute of Non-residence, or other Law or Statute enjoyning their attendance upon their respective Ministries or Charges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; And if any of the persons before named shall happen to dye before the said Assembly shall be dissolved by Order of both Houses of Parliament, then such other person or persons shall be nominated and placed in the room and stead of such person and persons so dying, as by both the said Houses shall be thought fit and agreed upon: And every such person or persons so to be named shall have the like Power and Authority, Freedome, and acquittal to all intents and purposes and also all such wages and allowances for the said service, during the time of his or their attendance, as to any other of the said persons in this Ordinance is by this Ordinance limited and appointed. Provided alwayes that this Ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not give unto the persons aforesaid, or any of them, nor shall they in this assembly assume to exercise any Jurisdiction, Power, or Authority Ecclesiastical whatsoever, or any other Power, then is herein particularly expressed.

Many of the PERSONS who were called to attend the ASSEMBLY appeared not; Whereupon the whole Work lay on the hands of the Persons hereafter mentioned.

The PROMISE and VOW taken by every Member admitted to sit in the ASSEMBLY.

I A. B. Do seriously Promise and Vow in the presence of Almighty God, That in this Assembly, whereof I am a Member, I will maintain nothing in point of Doctrine, but what I believe to be most agreeable to the Word of God; nor in point of Discipline, but what may make most for Gods glory, and the peace and good of his Church.

William Twisse *Prolocutor.*
Cornelius Burges. } *Assessors.*
John White. }

William Gouge.
Robert Harris.
Thomas Gataker.
Oliver Bowles.
Edward Reynolds.
Jeremiah Whitaker.
Anthony Tuckney.
John Arrowsmith.
Simeon Ashe.
Philip Nye.
Jeremiah Burroughes.
John Lightfoot.
Stanley Gower.
Richard Heyricke.
Thomas Case.
Thomas Temple.
George Gipps.
Thomas Carter.
Humphrey Chambers.
Thomas Micklethwaite.
John Guibon.
Christopher Tesdale.
John Phillip.

George Walker.
Edmund Calamy.
Joseph Caryl.
Lazarus Seaman.
Henry Wilkinson *senior.*
Richard Vines.
Nicholas Proffet.
Stephen Marshal.
Joshua Hoyle.
Thomas Wilson
Thomas Hodges.
Thomas Bayly
Francis Taylor.
Thomas Yong.
Thomas Valentine.
William Greenhil.
Edward Pele
John Green
Andrew Pern
Samuel de la Place.
John de la March.
John Dury
Philip Delme.
Sidrach Simpson.
John Langley.
Richard Cleyton.
Arthur Salwey

John Ley
Charles Herle, *Prolocutor after Dr. Twisse.*
Herbert Palmer, *Assessor after* John White.
Daniel Cawdrey
Henry Painter
Henry Scudder
Thomas Hill
William Reynor
Thomas Goodwin
William Spurstow
Matthew Newcomen
John Conant
Edmund Staunton
Anthony Burges
William Rathband
Francis Cheynel
Henry Wilkinson *jun.*
Obadiah Sedgwick
Edward Corbet
Samuel Gibson
Thomas Coleman
Theodore Backhurst
William Carter
Peter Smith
John Maynard
William Price

John Whincop
William Bridge
Peter Sterry
William Mew
Benjamin Pickering
John Strickland
Humphrey Hardwick
Gasper Hickes
John Bond
Henry Hall
Thomas Ford
Thomas Thorowgood
Peter Clark
William Good
John Foxcroft
John Ward
Richard Bifield
Francis Woodcock
I. Jackson.

Commissioners of Scotla

John Maitland.
Alexander Henderson.
George Gillespie.
Samuel Rutherford
Robert Baylie.

Henry Robrough
Adoniram Byfield } *Scribæ.*
John Wallis.

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Books Printed for *John Rothwel* at the Fountain in *Cheapside*.

Mr. *Christopher Love's* Works in Two Vollumes.

1. Vollume.

Mr. *Love*, Of the Different degrees of Grace, in 4°.
—— Combate between the Flesh and Spirit, in 4°.
——Of Heavens Glory, and Hells Terror, in 4°.

2. Vollume.

Mr. *Love's* Zealous Christian.
——The Dejected Souls Cure, To which is annexed
The Ministery of Angels.
Gods Omniscience.
Sinners Legacy.
the
Penitent pardoned: Of the Confession of Sin, and the priviledge of pardon of Sin, in 4°.

An Exercitation on Confirmation, the ancient way of compleating Church-Members as an expedient to promote peace and unity among Brethren.

The Good Old Way, or *Perkins* Catechisme, in 8°. By *Charles Broxolme.*